GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2610
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INCLUSION OF MOCHI CASTE IN SC
JAGMEET SINGH BRAR

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Mochi Caste is included in the list of Scheduled Castes almost allover India except in the State of Punjab, where it is included in the list of Backward Classes;

(b) whether the Government have received representations for inclusion of Mochi Caste in the list of Scheduled Castes in Punjab; and

(c) if so, the action/decision taken in the matter?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. MANEKA GANDHI)

(a) Mochi Community has been notified as scheduled Caste only in the States of AndhraPradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Rajasthan, West Bengal and Delhi.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The proposal for inclusion of `Mochi` caste in the list of Scheduled Caste for Punjab isunder process as per approved modalities. As this process involves consultation with several organizations, it will take considerable time and as such it is not possible to indicate any time frame for finalising the proposal.